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SUBJ: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: WASHINGTON DELEGATIONS

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1. WHILE I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED PHASED ARRIVALS HERE, I AGREE FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN STATE 272780 TO ARRIVAL TOGETHER OF FOUR MAN WASHINGTON TEAM. AS FOR TIMING, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN ARRIVAL WOULD BE MOST PROPITIOUS BOTH FOR VISITORS AND FOR US AS I DO NOT REPEAT NOT YET HAVE A FEEL OF THE PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL NOT HAVE UNTIL AFTER OUR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY (1000 A.M. LOCAL TIME, NOVEMBER 24).

2. I HAD HOPED THAT ONE OR TWO TEAM MEMBERS COULD BE HERE TO TALK WITH ME BEFORE MY PRIVATE MEETING WITH ELEKDAG ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY AND WITH OTHERS OF OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM AS A WHOLE BEFORE WE GET INTO THE MONDAY SESSION. IF ALL FOUR COME TOGETHER THAT EARLY, HOWEVER, THEY RUN THE RISK OF GETTING "HUNG UP" WITH LITTLE TO DO FOR SOME DAYS AFTER THE MONDAY SESSION. I, OF COURSE, AGREE WITH THE HOPE EXPRESSED IN STATE 272780 THAT AFTER MONDAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET INTO ACTIVE AND RAPID NEGOTIATIONS, BUT I AM NOT REPEAT NOT AT ALL SURE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE. THE GOT HAS PROBLEMS OF INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE VERY MUCH LIKE OUR OWN, AND JUST AS WE TOOK A NUMBER OF DAYS TO GET A CLEARED REACTION TO THEIR DRAFT, THEY

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MAY WELL NEED A SIMILAR PERIOD BEFORE THEY CAN COME BACK TO

US. THIS MAY BE PARTICULARLY TRUE AS I WILL BE ASKING THAT
THEY COME BACK WITH AGREEMENTS TO SEGMENTS OF LANGUAGE
(OR PRINCIPLES) SUFFICIENT TO GET ALL THE INSTALLATIONS REACTIVATED.

3. WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND, WHAT I SUGGEST IS THIS: IF ONE
WASHINGTON TEAM MEMBER CAN COME IMMEDIATELY, ARRIVING
HERE FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, I WOULD APPRECIATE
THIS BEING DONE. THEN I SUGGEST THE REMAINING THREE PUT
THEMSELVES ON A STANDBY BASIS WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THE MONDAY
NIGHT PLANE STRAIGHT THROUGH TO ANKARA, BUT NOT ACTUALLY GETTING
ON THE PLANE UNTIL WE TAKE A POST-MONDAY MORNING MEETING
READING TO BE SURE THIS IS A USEFULL MOMENT FOR THEM TO COME.
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